



WASHINGTON STATE FAIRS COMMISSION

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SHOWS

Agricultural Youth Shows are those sponsored by WSU (4-H) & OSPI (FFA)

PRE FAIR:

1. WSDA notifies the fairs four to six weeks in advance of event who the visiting Commissioner will be and sends them the **Pre Fair Information Sheet For Commissioners** to fill out and return to the Commissioner. The Commissioner needs to have the completed Pre Fair Information Sheet for two complete weeks before visiting the fair.
2. Fairs should be ready for evaluation every day they are open to the public. It is the Commissioner's option to notify the fair of the specific day(s) of evaluation.
3. Commissioners may visit an assigned fair on any day and hours the fairs have advertised to be open to the public.
4. Commissioners will notify the main fair office upon arrival and set up a time and place for the exit interview with superintendents and directors if desired by management.
5. Commissioners will evaluate without the accompaniment of fair officials unless decided otherwise by the Commissioner.

MANAGEMENT:

- Management is available.
- Management is cooperative with board exhibitors.

AIMS AND EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The premium book shows a full written statement of aims and purposes.
- The show amply demonstrates the accomplishment of these goals.
- The show has educational value to the public thru personal viewing or otherwise.

AREA AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

- Equipment and labor donated.
- Cash, merchandise, awards, and other donations listed or visible.
- Promotion and advertising by news media, business firms, and various organizations and individuals.

- Support by federal, state, county, and city agencies.
- Sponsors for special events other than above agencies.
- Support by schools.

THE FACILITIES:

- Space is adequate, attractive, well designed and efficiently used.
- All phases of safety are well considered and provided for.
- Adequate provision made for lights, water, ventilation, fire, first aid, security and waste disposal.
- Parking is adequate and safe.
- Directions and signs are on and off grounds.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Show dinner, breakfast, barbecue or other as part of event.
- Special 4-H Club or FFA Chapter agricultural displays or club, county or Chapter activities.
- Other.

EDUCATIONAL CONTEST AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

- Judging Contests
- Fitting and Showing / Style Revue
- Demonstrations
- Educational programs not evaluated elsewhere
- Knowledge Bowls, etc.

QUALITY OF EXHIBITS AND EDUCATIONAL VALUE:

ARTS

General attractiveness, educational value – tells a story, back drops and lighting, arrangement

HORTICULTURAL AND AGRONOMY

General attractiveness, educational value – tells a story, arrangement, fresh in appearance and condition.

HOME ECONOMICS

Well displayed, properly signed, educational value – tells a story

NATURAL RESOURCES

Well displayed, properly signed, educational value – tells a story.

SCIENCES – MECHANICAL

Well displayed, properly signed, educational value – tells a story, sufficient for size of event.

LIVESTOCK

All divisions are attractive with educational value – tells a story, animals groomed, stalls or pens clean and decorated, aisles and barn area clean, animals identified, showmanship in barn area, member readily available to give information, individual exhibitors and/or clubs or chapters identified.

SCORING:

The following guidelines are based on what is needed for an excellent score. Any less than excellent may be scored using the following scale:

Possible Score	Excellent to Very Good	Good or Average	Needs Improvement/ or Non-existing
50	40-50	25-39	0-24
25	20-25	10-19	0-9
15	10-15	5-9	0-4
5	4-5	2-3	0-1